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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: CONVERSATION WITH UK REP ON NOVEMBER 20, 1975

1. IN DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 20, UK REP ROSE, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO LONDON, SAID HE HAD COLLABORATED WITH OFFICIALS OF UK FONOFF IN WORKING OUT TEXT OF POSSIBLE INITIAL PRESENTATION IN VIENNA OF OPTION 3 PROPOSAL. HE SAID THE TEXT WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO WASHINGTON AND BONN, WAS BASED ON THE FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS OF THE GUIDANCE AND REARRANGED PARAGRAPH 3 SLIGHTLY. ROSE SAID THIS TEXT WAS MERELY A TECHNICAL EXERCISE DESIGNED TO SAVE TIME IN AD HOC GROUP IN VIENNA ONCE OPTION 3 WAS APPROVED AND NOT AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE OPEN ISSUES ON OPTION 3. THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE DECISION WAS MADE TO PUT OPTION 3 FORWARD.

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2. ROSE SAID HIS PURPOSE IN SUGGESTING THIS PAPER TO UK FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN THAT, IF THE US, UK AND FRG AGREED ON THE TEXT OF A FIRST PRESENTATION TO THE EAST AND INTRODUCED IT TO THE AD HOC GROUP IN VIENNA AT THE PROPER TIME, THERE MIGHT BE LESS DIFFICULTY WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP IN AGREEING ON A TEXT, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE TEXT HAD REORDERED THE CONTENT OF PARAGRAPH 3 SLIGHTLY FOR LOGICAL PRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES. ROSE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH LONDON MIGHT BE THINKING IN THESE TERMS, IT WAS NOT HIS PURPOSE TO INTRODUCE THIS DOCUMENT INTO THE SPC FOR SPC APPROVAL. HE HOPED THAT WASHINGTON AND BONN WOULD OPPOSE THIS BECAUSE ADDING ANOTHER PAPER TO THE SPC'S WORKLOAD AT THIS TIME WOULD BE MOST INADVISABLE.

3. WE STRONGLY AGREE WITH ROSE THAT SUBMITTING A FURTHER PAPER TO SPC ON OPTION 3 AT THIS TIME SHOULD BE AVOIDED. WE NOTE FROM TEXT OF UK PAPER ROSE HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO US THAT, IN ADDITION TO MATERIAL TAKEN FROM THE FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS OF SPC GUIDANCE PAPER, SOME OF WHICH IS STILL BRACKETED, THE UK PAPER ALSO CONTAINS A PARAGRAPH ON NUMERICAL QUANTIFICATION OF THE COMMON CEILING PART OF WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE POSITION PAPER RATHER THAN THE GUIDANCE. ROSE ARGUES THAT THIS FULL PARAGRAPH WAS IN THE GUIDANCE WHEN THE UK TEXT WAS DRAFTED ON NOVEMBER 8, BUT THAT IF IT IS NOT IN THE GUIDANCE PAPER NOW IT SHOULD BE DROPPED. THIS PARAGRAPH, OF COURSE, HAS THE EFFECT OF MAKING NUMERICAL QUANTIFICATION OF THE COMMON CEILING AN ADDITIONAL WESTERN REQUIREMENT AT THE TIME OF PRESENTATION OF OPTION 3. AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT, UK HAS AGREED THAT TO DO THIS WAS INADVISABLE. THE PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE DROPPED TOGETHER WITH OTHER BRACKETED MATERIAL IN THE UK PAPER.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO TELL THE UK THAT THEY THINK IT A GOOD IDEA THAT THE UK, FRG AND US DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA JOINTLY DEVELOP A TEXT FOR PRESENTATION OF OPTION 3 WHEN APPROVED AND THAT THE US AGREES THE DELEGATIONS SHOULD USE AS A BASIS FOR A PRESENTATION THE FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS OF THE GUIDANCE WHEN AND AS FINALLY APPROVED BY NAC.RESOR

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